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KOLLAS's GOSSIP ABOUT SMIRNOVA's DEPARTURE
REPORTED TO CLAYTON BY E. HUDSON

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To VIKTOR[i].

CLAYTON [KLEJTON][ii] [C] has passed to "TECHNICIAN
[TEKNIK]"[iii] [4 groups unrecovered] [C] received from an
undercover [MELEGAL'NYJ] member of the party, E. HUDSON [HUDSON],
who is living in QUEANBEYAN [KVINBIEN] (7 miles from CANBERRA)
about the gossip which is being spread around in QUEANBEYAN in
connection with the departure of [B] SMIRNOVA[iv]. In her [v]
letter HUDSON says that on

[79 groups unrecovered]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

all the gossip about the Soviet Legation is being spread by a
Russian - KOLLAS who lives near to it. The latter [b] [C] is one
of [TECHNICIAN]'s [TEKNIK] acquaintances. He knew him through
the KRANIDOVs [KRANIDOVY] and kept in touch with SMIRNOV[v].
At one time he worked as a gardener at the Legation, but was soon
dismissed. After that he became angry and began to spread all
kinds of dirt in regard to the Legation. According to what

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HUDSON writes, KOLLAS one day came to ALEXANDER [ALEKSANDER][c] [10 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOVA naturally not [2 groups unrecovered] government. But her husband and daughter [2 groups unrecovered] Russia. [B/ SMIRNOVA] herself

[37 groups unrecoverable]

[D. HUDSON] also points out that SMIRNOVA allegedly received some kind of letter from America through KOLLAS. She describes SMIRNOVA as a foolish woman. In conclusion H.[vi] is asking the Central Committee [TSK][vii] to render help and stop the slander being spread by KOLLAS.

[Part II] Note: We reported to you about KOLLAS at one time. At our insistence he was dismissed from the Legation. K.[viii] is an extremely close friend of the KRANIDOVs. After [the departure] of the SMIRNOVs K. [4 groups unrecovered] and judging by MOROZOV[ix] [2 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOV[d], [6 groups unrecovered], he again asked but SMIRNOV[d] left

[80 groups unrecovered]

No. 23[e]

EFIN[c][x]

P.N.: [a] Or "his", but compare the second sentence in the penultimate paragraph, where a feminine pronoun is used which appears to refer to HUDSON.

[b] I.e. KOLLAS.

[c] Note that this is the English name ALEXANDER and not the Russian ALEKSANDR.

[d] Or SMIRNOVA.

[e] Enciphered at the end of Part I.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIK.

[ii] Walter Siddon CLAYTON.

[iii] TEKHNIK: probably Fedor Andreevich NOSOV, TASS Correspondent in SYDNEY.

[iv] E. HUDSON

[iv] Nina Stepanovna SMIRNOVA.

[v] KOLLAS

[v] Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV, accountant at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA, March 1943 - January 1945.

[vi] H.[=H] : i.e. HUDSON.

[vii] Presumably the Central Committee of the Australian Communist Party.

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[viii] K. : i.e. KOLLIS.

[ix] * Georgij Mikhajlovich MOROZOV, Press Attaché
at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA, March
1943 - July 1946.

[x] EFIM: probably Semen Ivanovich FIKLEROV.
Clerk at the Soviet Embassy in CANBERRA
April 1943 - April 1947. Promoted to
3rd Secretary in April 1947 and to 2nd
Secretary in November 1948. Left Australia
in June 1949.

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